

# UNABLE TO AGREE

**JURY IN THE MILLER AND JOHNS CASE DISCHARGED.**

Announced Near Midnight that It Could Not Reach a Verdict and Was Released from Service.

# DRAMATIC SCENE IN COURT

**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE INDIANS WERE PRESENT.**

Women Cried During the Closing Argument of H. D. Rulison for the Terre Haute Man.

# NO TIME SET FOR NEW TRIAL

**OUTCOME REGARDED AS FAVORABLE FOR DEFENDANTS.**

# GOVERNMENT HAS DISCLOSED ITS CASE, AND NO MORE SURPRISES CAN BE SPRUNG—BONDS RENEWED.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 17.—The jury in the case of Daniel Voorhees Miller and Joseph M. Johns, on trial in the Federal Court here all week on the charge of an alleged conspiracy to extort a bribe, reported shortly before midnight that it was unable to agree and was discharged by Judge Thompson.

The trial attracted unusual attention, as it was the first one under the many recent indictments for alleged frauds in the Postoffice Department. Four days were devoted to the taking of evidence and the fifth day to the very vigorous arguments of District Attorney Sherman McPherson and Assistant Thomas H. Darby for the government and Hiram D. Rulison and Charles W. Baker for the defendants. General Robb and many clerks from the department at Washington, Chief Cochran and many other post-office inspectors and others from Washington were here assisting in the prosecution and the charge to the jury was an unusually strong one.

There were dramatic scenes during the closing day, when the wives of the defendants and others wept, especially during the argument of Attorney Rulison. The scenes in the courtroom at midnight were again somewhat dramatic, as the members of the families of the defendants and their friends from Terre Haute and Rockville and other parts of Indiana gathered around them.

The disagreement of the jury was generally regarded as somewhat favorable to the defendants, as the government had shown its hand fully in this trial so that counsel for the defense could not be surprised as much in the next trial as was the case this week, especially in the testimony of Watson, the secretary of General Bristow, and in the production of copies of letters and telegrams.

The jury considered the case for six hours and a half. It was undisturbed from 9 p. m. until 12:30, when Judge Thompson sent for it and the jury asked for further instructions. Judge Thompson then told the jurors that he would instruct them about any matter of law, but that they must settle matters of fact among themselves. He directed the jury to retire again and submit its request for further instructions in writing.

At 11:35 p. m. the jury came in again and in writing reported as follows: "We find we are unable to agree upon a matter of fact." Judge Thompson then questioned the jury as to the probability of reaching an agreement and on being advised that there was no such probability without additional instructions he discharged the jury from further consideration of the case.

While there were unconfirmed reports that the jury stood seven to five for conviction it was generally understood in the courtroom that the jury was unable to agree on the matter of fact as to whether Miller had any connection with the dealings between Ryan and Johns, or as to whether there was any conspiracy between them.

The defendants renewed their bonds for a new trial and District Attorney McPherson was unable to state whether there would be another hearing of the case set for the present term of court. While neither side indicated any gratification over the result it was evident that the many employees of the government who were present were disappointed.

**ARGUMENTS AND CHARGE.**

Addresses by Counsel and Judge Thompson's Instructions.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 17.—At the opening of the United States Court to-day Hiram D. Rulison, an attorney for Miller, began his argument. He showed the humble origin and success through his own efforts of Miller, his good reputation, that not one cent of money from Johns ever reached Miller, and holding that there was no understanding between the defendants that was in the nature of a conspiracy; that they were personal friends; that if Johns bailed Ryan, his client had nothing to do with it. Rulison said that with all the deals between Ryan and Johns there was nothing to show a conspiracy that involved a bribe to Miller.

During Mr. Rulison's argument it was evident that the defense of Miller had cut loose from that of Johns. Mr. Rulison declared it might be said in defense of Johns that when he bailed Ryan out of \$4,000 he bailed one who had been bailing others for years, but it was unjust to connect Miller with it when the latter knew nothing of it. He reviewed conditions in the Postoffice Department under Tyler, subsequent investigations by Bristol, Robb and Cochran with "an army of inspectors and clerks" and then held that the conspiracy established was that of making a scapegoat out of Miller, in whose trial "gamblers and thugs" had been used as witnesses. Mr. Rulison said that Miller had been treated unfairly in "the sweat

# FOOTBALL RESULTS YESTERDAY.

—Indiana High Schools—	
M. T. H. S. (3).....	2-Sheridan..... 0
M. T. H. S. (3).....	11-Plainfield..... 6
Danville (Academy).....	11-Shortridge..... 5
Danville.....	29-Shortridge (2)..... 0
Madison.....	32-North Vernon..... 0
Indiana (Union) (2).....	11-Ellettsburg..... 0
Vincennes.....	6-Princeton..... 0
Anderson.....	12-Kokomo..... 5
Pittsboro.....	5-Clayton..... 0
Valparaiso.....	34-Crown Point..... 0
Culver (Academy) (2).....	6-South Bend..... 0
Goshen.....	3-Michigan City..... 0
Greenfield.....	5-Knightstown..... 0
Evansville.....	23-Owensboro..... 0
Shelbyville.....	5-Carthage..... 0
Muncie.....	23-Montpelier..... 0
—College Games in Indiana—	
Illinois.....	24-Purdue..... 0
Notre Dame.....	56-De Pauw..... 0
Earham.....	5-Wittenberg..... 0
Rose Polytechnic.....	5-E. Illinois Normal..... 0
Wabash.....	31-Central P. & S..... 0
Earham (2).....	15-Spielend..... 0
Hammond A. C.....	11-Chicago M. A..... 0
—In the West—	
Michigan.....	51-Indiana..... 0
Chicago.....	6-Northwestern..... 0
Minnesota.....	75-Iowa..... 0
Wisconsin.....	87-Beloit..... 0
Knox.....	20-Chicago P. & S..... 0
Nebaska.....	12-Columbia..... 11
Kansas.....	12-Colorado..... 0
Ames.....	36-Coe..... 0
Miami.....	15-Cincinnati..... 0
Ohio State.....	59-Kenyon..... 0
Heldberg.....	5-Denison..... 5
Kentucky S. C.....	18-Kentucky M. L..... 0
Drake.....	17-Missouri..... 0
Oklahoma.....	6-Texas..... 6
—In the East—	
Harvard.....	5-West Point..... 0
Yale.....	27-Pennsylvania State..... 0
Princeton.....	11-Carlisle..... 0
Annapolis.....	5-Dickinson..... 0
Wesleyan.....	28-Bensacker..... 0
Cornell.....	6-Bucknell..... 0
Pennsylvania.....	30-Brown..... 0
Harvard Freshmen.....	0-Phillips-Exeter..... 0
Dartmouth.....	17-Williams..... 0
Columbia.....	12-Amherst..... 0

# NO MORE IMPROVEMENTS

**WORK ON THE PENNSYLVANIA ROAD ORDERED STOPPED.**

Millions of Dollars Will Not Be Expended Until Labor and Material Difficulties Are Overcome.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—Improvements amounting to \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 on the Pennsylvania Railroad have been stopped. The order was issued by President Cassatt and in most cases the work which is now under way is to cease on Nov. 10. It is the intention to shut down all the works that cannot be completed before the winter sets in. The order applies to the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Altoona and Philadelphia. The work on the new low grade division between Atglen and the Susquehanna river is to be stopped. The straightening of the line at Newport is to cease and the operations at Trimmers Rock and Rope Ferry are also to be stopped.

Labor difficulties are said to be partly responsible for the company's action. Another reason for the shutting down of the works is that it is almost impossible to get the material and all work that cannot be done this year will be taken over in 1904. The construction and equipments account for next year is being prepared. Upwards of \$20,000,000 has been estimated as the sum required.

# RETRENCHMENT ON THE LAKE SHORE.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—Orders were issued to-day reducing the number of working hours in the car repair and locomotive shops of the Lake Shore railroad from ten to nine hours per day, with a corresponding reduction in pay. The order will go into effect early next week. The orders will affect all the large centers of the Lake Shore and the Lake Erie & Western. The reasons assigned are that the rolling stock is now in first-class condition, and also a desire to reduce the work to more normal conditions.

# SOLDIERS LEAVE CUBA

**UNITED STATES ARTILLERYMEN ENBARK ON A TRANSPORT.**

Paraded at Havana, and Were Not Greeted with Much Cheering—No Speech by President Palma.

HAVANA, Oct. 17.—The two companies of American artillery which occupied Santa Clara and the batteries here boarded the United States transport Kilpatrick to-day for the return home. The programme as previously arranged by Major Brown, commanding the troops in Cuba, and the secretary of government, was carried out.

A company of Cuban artillery, consisting of ninety men, and one hundred mounted rural guards, headed by the municipal band, paraded on the Punta at 1 p. m. Twenty minutes later the Americans appeared marching up the avenue of the Republic from Vedado. Major Brown at the head of his troops, who marched in the Cuban and ported arms when passing the Cubans, the latter presenting arms. The Americans continued around the outer loop of the small park of the Punta, the Cubans taking the inner loop. The Cuban band and artillery then took the lead, followed by the American soldiers, with the rural guards coming last, and proceeded in column down to the palace past which they marched. President Palma and his wife, the members of the Cabinet, United States Minister Squiers and Miss Squiers here reviewed the troops. As each company passed it presented arms, and then marched to the Caballeria wharf, where the Americans lined up inside the wharf railing and presented arms. The Cubans marched in front of the Americans, the latter transferred to the Kilpatrick. Probably 2,000 soldiers were present at the Punta and 2,000 more at the palace. The Americans were not greeted with much cheering.

It was expected that President Palma would make a short address to the troops, but he explained that he was unable to see them before they went. He said he wished them and their country prosperity wherever they might go.

The departure of the transport was delayed by the work of getting stores aboard. Instruction for the final delivery of the batteries to the Cubans were not received prior to the departure of the American troops.

President Palma granted pardons to three American soldiers who were undergoing short terms of imprisonment in order that they might accompany their companions on their homeward journey.

# Archbishop Kain's Body at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 17.—The train bearing the body of the late Archbishop Kain from Baltimore arrived here at 7:45 to-night. The body was taken to the archiepiscopal residence where it will remain until Monday afternoon, when it will lie in state in the old cathedral. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

# INTERESTING QUERY.

Will Dowle's New York jaunt turn out like that of the famous "Young Lady of Niger?"



A smiling young lady of Niger Went to ride on the back of a tiger.



They returned from the ride With the lady inside, And the smile on the face of the tiger.

# MUST HAVE MORE PAY

**INDIANA RURAL MAIL CARRIERS WILL APPEAL TO UNCLE SAM.**

Second Annual Convention Meets in Indianapolis and Adopts an Important Resolution.

# O. H. BLACKLIDGE IS PRESIDENT

L. H. DONALDSON, OF RUSH COUNTY, CHOSEN AS SECRETARY.

Reports Show that Organization Has Had Prosperous Year—Association an Active Body.

The second annual convention of the Indiana Rural Carriers' Association was held in the Criminal Court room yesterday afternoon and evening, and forty-two delegates from the various counties in the State were present. E. L. Scott, of Muncie, presided over the convention. The reports of the various committees were read in the afternoon and adopted. The reports show that the association has had a very profitable year. There are twenty-nine county branches established, and 297 new members were added to the roll. The secretary of the State organization, W. L. Peters, of Bluffton, alone visited twenty-four cities throughout the State last May, established nineteen branches and added 193 new members.

A motion was adopted to adopt the resolution of the national organization of rural carriers providing a salary of \$600 to the carrier the first year of his service, \$720 the second year, and \$850 the third year and each succeeding year, and further to provide that each carrier should receive fifteen days' vacation each year and should not be required to work on legal holidays. While they are on their vacation they are to receive full pay.

The motion to change the name of the Indiana Rural Carriers' Association to the Indiana Rural Letter Carriers' Association, in order that it might correspond to the name applied to the national organization, was also carried.

It was voted to hold the next State convention in Indianapolis on the last Saturday in August, 1904, to select delegates to attend the national convention to be held in St. Louis the last week of September, 1904. The motion to assess the expenses of the delegates to the national convention against the various county associations pro rata met with a great deal of objection, several of the delegates holding that the expenses should be met by the State. When the motion was put to a vote it was lost. The annual dues of members were raised from 50 cents to one dollar.

**THE NEW OFFICERS.**

At the close of the afternoon session the following officers for the new year were elected: O. H. Blackledge, Washington county, president; L. H. Donaldson, Rush county, secretary; Elmer Miller, Delaware county, treasurer, and S. F. Scott, Jacob Gilmore and Dewitt C. Huff were appointed members of the executive board. The convention then adjourned until 7 o'clock.

United States Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge and Mayor Holtzman were to

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address the meeting in the evening, but none of them was able to be present. Mr. F. H. Cunningham, of Omaha, Neb., president of the national convention, addressed the convention. He is on his way home from Washington, where he has been in the interest of the rural letter carriers of the country. Mr. Cunningham while in Washington called upon Postmaster General Payne and presented a memorial to him for his approval asking for an increase in the salary of the rural carrier to \$600 for the first year of service, \$720 for the second and \$850 for each succeeding year. In his memorial he states that the carriers are receiving such a small salary that it is almost impossible for them to live. The largest salary paid is about \$200, and out of this sum the carrier must buy his wagon and one or two horses, feed them and keep them shod, besides providing for himself and family. The matter will be referred to Congress at its next session, when Mr. Cunningham will return to Washington to urge the passage of the bill. Mr. Cunningham also called on President Roosevelt and talked with him about the situation, and the President agreed with him that it was a just request. The convention closed with two-minute talks by the delegates, who told their experiences while on their routes.

# HOLD-UP MEN BAFFLED

**WANTED TO ROB A NORTHERN PACIFIC LIMITED EXPRESS.**

Locked a Young Operator in His Office, but Did Not Prevent Him Sending a Warning Message.

RUTHE Mont., Oct. 17.—At an early hour this morning two masked mounted men rode up to the little station at Welch's Spur, twenty miles east of this city, on the Northern Pacific, and covering the operator with their revolvers, drove him inside his office and locked him in. They turned the signal light so as to stop the North Coast limited, which was due in half an hour.

The operator, F. K. Law, a youth of twenty, threatened with death if he moved, crawled on his hands and knees to his telephone key and, reaching from under the table, wired the operator at Homestead to tell the engineer of the North Coast to stop as the bandits meant to hold up the train at Welch's Spur. The train went through the latter place at forty miles an hour and the bandits then rode off. A posse took the trail at daylight.

# ROBBERIES OF BANKS.

**Daring Burglary in Nova Scotia—Heavy Booty of Silver.**

ST. ANDREWS, N. S., Oct. 17.—Burglars entered the Bank of Nova Scotia here early to-day, demolished the safe with explosives and escaped with all the funds, estimated at several thousand dollars. The robbers got away on a hand-car seized in the yard of the Canadian Pacific Railway and they were able to place many miles between them and the town before the authorities had started on their trail.

EUSTIS, Neb., Oct. 17.—Six masked men robbed the Farmers State Bank early to-day, securing \$4,000. One of the men was arrested and the officers with bloodhounds are on the trail of the robbers. Dynamite was used and the safe and the bank furniture was wrecked.

SPRING GROVE, Minn., Oct. 17.—The Bank of Spring Grove was robbed last night by burglars. Nine hundred dollars in silver from the outer safe was taken. There is no clue.

# NEW BOARD OF SAFETY

**TALK OF THOMAS MADDEN, T. H. DAMMEYER AND J. Q. HICKS.**

Mayor Holtzman Has Invited Them to Serve, It Is Semi-Officially Announced.

# POLICE ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

**DEPARTMENT CHANGES WILL BE MADE EARLY THIS WEEK.**

Some of Those Said to Be Slated for Good Jobs—Mayor's Callers Are Legion.

Mayor Holtzman has invited Thomas Madden and Theodore H. Dammeier, Democrats, and John Q. Hicks, Republican, to serve as his Board of Public Safety, it is said. The information comes from Democratic sources and is regarded as authentic. It has been understood for several days that Mr. Madden would be tendered the appointment as chairman of the Board of Safety, and there has been much speculation as to who the other members of the board would be. All three men are well known in local political and business circles.

Thomas Madden is the head of Thomas Madden, Son & Co., furniture manufacturers, Fletcher avenue and the C. C. & C. St. L. Railway. He lives at No. 1333 North Illinois street. Mr. Madden was one of Keach's most active lieutenants in the campaign just closed. Theodore H. Dammeier is another well-known Democrat who worked like a Trojan for Holtzman's success. He is connected with the Indianapolis Dairy Company. John Q. Hicks, who is slated as the minority member of the board, has been prominent in the affairs of the Oliver P. Morton Republican Club for years. He is general yardmaster of the C. C. & C. St. L. Railroad Company in this city and lives at No. 17 Highland avenue.

**POLITICIANS ARE CURIOUS.**

Politicians and people generally are curious as to the other appointments to be made by Mayor Holtzman. It is believed that Edgar A. Brown is certain to be made chairman of the Board of Public Works. Who the other members will be is speculative. Dr. Frank Morrison is being considered for president of the Board of Public Health. Mayor Holtzman announced no appointments yesterday, the understanding being that he will give out a list to-morrow.

City Clerk Fogarty has appointed William P. Cosgrove, of 329 West Henry street, as his deputy. Mr. Cosgrove is the advertising manager of the Municipal Engineering Magazine, owned by William Fortune, and as soon as his connection with that publication can be brought to a close he will assume the duties of his position.

William Kaiser, Charles N. Elliott's deputy, will continue in the clerk's office for the time being.

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# FAILED TO SECURE LAND

**SULLIVAN COUNTY MAN WHO CAME FROM AUSTRALIA TO SUE.**

He Was a "Forty-Niner," and Went to Australia in 1852—Legislative Act Stood in His Way.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Oct. 17.—After he had journeyed over ten thousand miles in the expectation of securing possession of several hundred acres of land, the Sullivan Circuit Court to-day held that David Hollenbeck is not entitled to the land. Hollenbeck came all the way from Australia, confident of winning his case, and the result is a shock to him.

Hollenbeck is one of the original "Forty-niners," who, in "prairie schooners," made their way to the California gold field. Hollenbeck, then a man of twenty-one, attained but indifferent success in the Golden State, and when, in 1852, reports of marvellous discoveries of gold in New South Wales reached America, he sailed for the Australian Eldorado. His dream of fortune gradually faded, and he finally resolved to return to the home of his youth. Unfortunately he was unable to secure sufficient funds for his passage. He at last wrote to a relative here, who sent him money to make the trip. On reaching Sullivan Hollenbeck had difficulty in finding his relatives, for, during his fifty-four years' absence, the Hollenbecks had scattered. He last located some of his kindred, and brought suit to recover the land which he believed belonged to him.

The title had passed through many different hands, and the act of the State Legislature legalizing the title to such lands, the states which had been destroyed in the fire which burned the Sullivan courthouse in 1852, had dispossessed Hollenbeck of any claim to the land.

# ALL FROM INDIANAPOLIS

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.**

Measmes, Atkinson, Cunningham, Moses, Gray and Judson and Miss Pounds Chosen.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 17.—The Christian Women's Board of Missions, which is taking part in the International missionary convention of the Christian Church in session here, closed its business this afternoon by re-electing the old board of officers. At the conclusion of the official business reports on Christian work from different parts of the world were made. That on the society's labors in Porto Rico and Jamaica made a particular impression. Mrs. Annie E. Davidson, of Eureka, Ill., who has spent much time on these islands, made the announcement that at least 88 per cent of the inhabitants are illiterate and possibly 9 per cent are of illegitimate birth. An address was also made by C. C. Smith, who has worked in Jamaica. He described the terrible results of the typhoid that swept the islands a few weeks ago. He is making special appeal for a contribution of \$25,000 to carry on needed work in the island.

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# CHOKED WIFE TO DEATH.

**Crime of an Ohio Strangler, Who Surrendered to the Police.**

DAYTON, O., Oct. 17.—With no excuse to offer other than that he had spent the night in quarrelling, Charles H. Welfenbach, well connected in Dayton, at 5 o'clock this morning choked his wife to death in bed, using no instrument but his hands. He then tried to sleep, but a half hour later arose, prepared and ate his own breakfast. Later in the morning he went to the tobacco warehouse where he is employed as foreman and gave instructions for the day's work, after he appeared at police headquarters, coolly told the story of his crime and was locked up in the station house.

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# \$40,000 FIRE LOSS

**THE W. H. ARMSTRONG COMPANY SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS.**

Fire Starts in Basement of Building at 224-226 South Meridian Street from Spontaneous Combustion.

# DAMAGE IS FULLY \$40,000

**WATER ADDS TO THE HAVOC CAUSED BY THICK, BLACK SMOKE.**

Large Stock of Surgical Instruments and Supplies Was Valued by Company at \$75,000.

# FIREMEN AT A DISADVANTAGE

**STRANGLING CLOUDS FORCED THEM BACK IN THEIR GAME FIGHT.**

Valuable Horse Drops Dead While Galloping to the Fire, Putting No. 8 Company Out of Action.

A fire broke out in the cellar of the William H. Armstrong Company, in the building at Nos. 224-226 South Meridian street, about 12:30 this morning, and, owing to the peculiar location of the flames, the loss, it is said, will reach about \$40,000.

Before the fire was reported to the fire department the basement of the building was a roaring furnace and the entire structure from top to bottom was filled with smoke so dense that it was impossible to get into the cellar to properly fight the flames. For a time it looked as if the whole building would be burned on account of a draught which was caused from the cellar to the top of the building through the elevator shaft, but the prompt action of the fire department checked the blaze and held it to the place where it first started, in the cellar.

The W. H. Armstrong Company carries about \$75,000 worth of stock of surgical instruments and supplies, fully covered by insurance. The loss from water, smoke and flames, it is claimed, will amount to about \$40,000.

The fire was discovered by the merchant policeman who patrols the locality of the building occupied by the Armstrong Company, and he turned in the alarm, but by the time the fire department arrived on the scene the smoke was so thick that it was impossible to get a line of hose into the cellar, where the main blaze seemed to be located. After a complete draught had been made through the building and part of the smoke was turned outside some of the daring fire ladders crawled down into the cellar and managed to get a stream of water onto the flames.

The salvage corps, under the direction of Captain Neumann, looked after the covering up of loose stock and property inside the burning building and saved many dollars for the firm who was the victim of the blaze.

Shortly after the first alarm was turned in the conditions surrounding the fire seemed desperate on account of the density of the smoke. Fire fighting was a hard proposition, and for fear that a bad fight might be before them, a second alarm was turned in. The firemen who earned their titles, "smoke eaters," before they had the blaze in the South Meridian-street building under control, for at no time was there a blaze visible either outside of the building or in. Nothing but thick, black smoke and water damage will amount to about \$40,000. The entire stock of the surgical supply house is a complete loss, besides a small salvage.

During the confusion of smoke and water the supports to the entire rear part of the first floor gave way and with a rattling and a bang the stock on the shelves of the salesroom fell in a confused heap into the basement where the ruin was completed by the several feet of water which had been poured into the cellar from the firemen's hose.

# Fire Horse Drops Dead.

While being driven at break-neck speed to the Armstrong fire one of the horses pulling the fire engine from engine house No. 8, Massachusetts avenue, near St. Clair street, fell dead at New Jersey street and Massachusetts avenue. The horse was sound and fresh, and was a rather big hitchee. When he fell the other horse was thrown, but was not injured. One horse cannot pull one of the big engines, and the engine was not near the fire on New Jersey street and Massachusetts avenue.

# TOO WET FOR ZIONISTS.

**Street-Corner Meetings Abandoned—Strangers Barred from Garden.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—John Alexander Dowle issued orders to the Zion Guards at Madison-square Garden to-day to refuse admittance to strangers. The order was enforced so literally that reporters were excluded. The first public services will be held to-morrow morning and in order to prevent trouble the strangers will be kept out of the garden.

Rain interfered with the programme of the followers of "Elijah, the Restorer." The street corner meetings for to-night had to be abandoned and the Zionists, instead of going out, conducted a prayer meeting among themselves in Madison-square Garden. While the services were in progress mechanics were putting the finishing touches on the new building to figure prominently in all the services.

# EARLY WINTER AT DAWSON.

**Many Leave the Northern City, Fear- ing Extreme Cold and Famine.**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 17.—A dispatch from Dawson says:

"Winter is closing in quickly and several thousand tons of freight will not reach Dawson soon. Freight charges are phenomenally high and prices of certain staples are going skyward. Hay in Dawson is selling at \$20 per ton. Snow is several inches deep in Mayo district and the streams are freezing.

The gold output will be only about a million less than last year despite the extreme drought, which caused the miners six weeks' loss of time. Many people are leaving for the south, fearing a hard winter. The number of those going out exceeds that of last autumn by several hundred."